BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

CERTIFICATION

- I, Mary W. Dove, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on April 6, 2001, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 4818:
 - 1. Deny the request of Senator Gene Stipe and The Stipe Law Firm to enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
 - 2. Approve the appropriate letter, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report #4 dated April 2, 2001.

Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision.

Commissioner McDonald recused himself with respect to this matter and did not vote.

Attest:

april 6, 2001

Mary W./Dove

Secretary of the Commission

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